



Volunteer Bloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Put your heart, mind and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success." ~Swami Sivananda

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Build muscles and make friends at ReStore!

Have a great time volunteering at ReStore while supporting Habitat for Humanity's next house! Volunteers meet engaging people while keeping items out of overflowing landfills. You'll build muscles as you help with unloading and sorting, or exercise your brain as you price donations and answer questions. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Sarah Rosenbaum at (812) 331-4069 ext. 2 or volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org. (www.monroecountyhabitat.org)

Bloomington Human Rights Commission- Apply by Aug. 5

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission is seeking applicants to help enforce Bloomington's Human Rights Ordinance, educate community members about rights and responsibilities, raise awareness on human rights issues, and ensure entities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Their meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Mon. of each month at City Hall. Application review will begin Aug. 5 and continue until the positions are filled. Application materials and complete descriptions of this and other Boards and Commissions may be found at www.bloomington.in.gov/apply or at the City Clerk's Office. Minimum age is 21. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 349-3408. (www.bloomington.in.gov)

Bryan Park Creek Maintenance Days – Aug. 7, Sept. 4

The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department has earned the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat certification. The Bryan Park Creek naturalized area, which played a key role in certification, takes a bit of monthly upkeep to maintain the native plant environment. Upcoming volunteer sessions will be from 5:30-7 p.m. on Aug. 7, Sept. 4 and Oct. 2. Minimum age without an adult is 12. Sign-up at bit.ly/BryanParkCreek or contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Drool in the Pool – Aug. 14-15

Don't let the dog days of summer get you down! After Mills Pool closes for humans, it will still be open for two more days - from 4:30-8:30 p.m. on Aug. 14 and 15 - for our canine friends. Drool in the Pool features dog paddling fun and a jumping contest. The second evening is filled with a variety of contests, giveaways and more swimming. Volunteers will assist with doggie giveaways and contests or serve as a dog lifeguard. Volunteer for one or both nights. You will not be asked to get in the pool but should come prepared to get wet! Minimum age is 16; 14 if with an adult. Go to bit.ly/DroolinthePool to sign up or contact Kim Ecenbarger, Bloomington Parks and Recreation, at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

'Each One Feed One' Food Drive – Aug. 23-25

Be a part of Monroe County United Ministries' efforts to collect 16,000 pounds of donated food to restock their food pantry shelves. The "Each One, Feed One" food drive is being held Aug. 23-25 at local grocery stores. Volunteers are needed to fill 250 slots to collect donations and coordinate activities. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome. Minimum age is 16; 5 if with an adult. Volunteer shifts are Fri. from 5-8 p.m.; Sat. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. and Sun. from 1-4 p.m. Please contact Meri Reinhold at (812) 339-3429 ext. 11 or mcum@mcum.org. (www.mcum.org)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Jill's House

Provides affordable, temporary housing in a home-like environment for caregivers and patients receiving medical treatment for physical illnesses at health care facilities in the Bloomington area. To grant a wish, contact Janice Conder at volunteer@jills-house.org or (812) 339-5455 (751 E. Tamarack Trail; www.jills-house.org)

Wishes: postage stamps, paper towels, tissues, napkins, disinfecting wipes, dishwasher soap, USB flash drives, Ziploc bags, white bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, flashlights with batteries, DVD player, bird food

Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

